DOUBLE ENTRY JOURNAL

What you will need:

- paper/exercise book and pen to record your thinking during and after reading
- a text to read, view or listen to.

What to do:

1. Use your text to read, view or listen to.
2. Brainstorm to create a list – What I think I know about the topic/text...
3. Draw the following table in your exercise book:

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<th>Record notes (critical facts, quotes, key events, problem, conflict or main ideas)</th>
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4. As you read the text, use the left-hand column to record Notes and/or quotes of the key ideas in the text.
5. Look back at the list you made in Step 2 - What did you record about the topic that you just read in the text? (Place a star or asterisk (*) next to each list item).
6. In the right-hand column, record your Reflections about your notes – describe your thinking, e.g. Why is this a main idea or key event in the text? What proof or evidence from the text supports your thinking?
What learning is happening:

- identifying critical facts, main ideas in a text and the message the author is communicating
- reflecting on the key ideas in a variety of texts
- responding to key ideas in texts and making connections between yourself, other texts and the world

Links to more information:

- Learning at home\(^1\) on the Department of Education website

Example journal entry using the novel Hatchet by Gary Paulsen:

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<td>“He hadn’t seen one clearing since they’d started flying over the forest. Some swamps, but they had trees scattered through them. No roads, no trails, no clearings” (Cht. 2, p. 19).</td>
<td>Brian is out in the wilderness – very isolated. <em>If something happens (e.g. the plane crashes), I don’t think Brian has the skills to survive in the wilderness!</em></td>
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